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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, EC, US
SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN REQUEST FOR PRICE AND AVAILABILITY ON T-33'S

REF: QUITO DAO 091637Z MAY 74

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF GOE DEFENSE MINISTER'S LETTER OF MAY 2 TO AMBASSADOR WHICH FORMALLY CONVEYED ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE (FAE) REQUEST FOR SALE OF TWELVE T-33'S AND REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN UPGRADING AND MODIFYING EXISTING FAE T-33 INVENTORY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU OF THE REQUEST OF THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS SO THAT, THROUGH YOUR INTERMEDIARY, IT MAY BE CONVEYED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT:
(1) POSSIBLE SALE BY THE USAF OF 12 AIRCRAFT T-33 IN FLYING CONDITION, AFTER THESE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN OVER-HAULED AND IRAN INSPECTED, WITH THE MANDATORY MODIFI-CATIONS.

(2) POSSIBILITY THAT THE USAF MAY RECEIVE AS PART OF THE
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AIRCRAFT THE 8 AIRCRAFT T-33A WHICH ARE PART OF THE
ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE INVENTORY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

(3) PROBABILITY THAT THE USAF PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE IRAN AND ALL THE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS OF THE
T-33 AIRCRAFT OF THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE. END TEXT.

3. IN REGARD TO PARAGRAPH TWO OF DEFENSE MINISTER'S
LETTER, USAF TEAM WHICH VISITED HERE APRIL 16-25 ADVISED
FAE THAT PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF EXISTING FAE T-33
INVENTORY AS PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR NEW T-33'S WOULD NOT
RPT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. SINCE GOE HAS NONETHELESS
PROCEEDED TO RAISE THE MATTER FORMALLY, WE
RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON RESPONSE THROUGH US TO DEFENSE
MINISTER'S LETTER INCLUDE REAFFIRMATION THAT WE ARE NOT RPT
NOT INTERESTED IN THIS FORM OF PAYMENT.
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